



Reservoir Committee of Envision Arlington

Date: Tuesday, November 19, 2019.

Time: 7:30 pm.

Location: Town Hall second floor conference room.

Minutes

Attendance: David White, Martine Gougault, Stephan Miller, Johanna Meyer, Lisa Fredman, Michael Ratner.

1. Observations and Concerns from around the Res.

- Are the water chestnuts worse this year?
- What about the other invasive species?
- Do we need a professional environmental assessment for invasive species?
- The Water Bodies Working Group of the Conservation Commission is hoping to put out an RFP for an assessment of the Res as they did last year for Spy Pond.

2. Review 9/17 meeting notes – Accepted with no changes.

3. Select note taker - Johanna volunteered.

4. Select co-chair - Johanna selected.

5. Garden workdays report.

- Cleaned the shade garden and trimmed the trees and bushes around the fence. Cleared the path and laid new mulch on the path ways in both gardens. Raked and cleared cuttings and trimmings. Planted new bushes and reviewed signs. Cut back the cargo grasses. Suggestions for more flowers or more color in the fall possibly Blueberries, more Asters, large shrub- Viburnum
- Feb potluck at Martine's to discuss Native Plant plan further

6. Res master plan phase 1 status.

- Working this winter/spring on pump house and beach piping. Expect to also do a pilot trail section next year. Funding is being put together for phase 2.

7. Brochure updates status.

- David will get new Map from the town with intersection of Mass Ave and Park Ave on it
- Requests committee to review the brochure and send any other suggestions

8. Volunteer scheduling software.

- Reluctance about using Signup Genius due to misgivings in its EULA was expressed. The perception was it allowed "google tracker" and we should not direct people to use it as a result. Stephan & Michael (?) will explore alternative software and specifically Doodle poll with their EULA. as an alternative.

9. Future plans

- Planting plan – Friday, Feb 28 at Martine's. Martine and Johanna
- Discussed recruiting more new volunteers. Ideas included working more closely with the Spy Pond Committee also sending an email to the Arlington list. We could create a Meetup or just start off with a Meetup Event for Volunteer groups.
- We need new signs for workdays "Reservoir Work Day" Johanna to draft designs for next meeting

10. Annual Report for the Town, Land Trust.

- David will update what was done and what we plan to do.

11. Other matters.

- Should we participate in the next EcoFest? We will wait to see what the topic will be.

12. Future meeting and workday dates.

- Friday Feb 28th for Potluck Meeting - Review Native Plant Plans for Spring work
- Tuesday March 17th - Next Regular Meeting - Action Items
 - 1. New Work Day Sign Drafts Johann
 - 2. Native Plant Plan Martine and Johanna
 - 3. Map and Brochure Update David
 - 4. Annual Report David
 - 5. Review Signup Genius Alternative and Doodlepoll EULA Stephen
- 1st Weekend of the Month for April Workday (April 4th or 5th)

13. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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